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Hunt Alternatives Fund Names Newest Prime Movers *6 Social Movement Leaders to Join 28 Prime Mover Fellows Selected Since 2005*

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. – [Hunt Alternatives Fund](#) has inducted six new fellows into [Prime Movers: Cultivating Social Capital](#), a multi-year fellowship program for emerging and established social movement leaders working at the national level.

The [2009 fellows](#), and the movements they lead, are:

- [Kevin Bales](#), modern-day slavery
- Rosanne Haggerty, homelessness
- [Bill McKibben](#), climate change
- Billy Parish, environmental youth
- [Maria Teresa Petersen](#), Latino civic engagement
- [Rinku Sen](#), racial justice

“Prime Movers are not simply good people doing great work,” said Dr. Adria Goodson, Hunt Alternatives Fund’s director of domestic programs. “They are women and men engaging masses of people around a specific injustice and mobilizing them to take action, to become engaged in the civic decisions that affect their common good. One of these individuals may have already inspired you to get involved, to be an active citizen in your democracy. If they haven’t yet, they will soon.”

The Prime Movers program, established in 2005, bolsters the identities of individual fellows as they work beyond their organizations and take on broader, more pivotal roles within their movements. Fellows, who receive \$60,000 over two years, apply their grant funds toward individual leadership development opportunities.

The [34 Prime Mover fellows](#) work on a wide range of social issues, such as GLBT rights, health care reform, and national service. Each Prime Mover commits to realizing the social change he or she envisions, cultivates the next generation of leaders in his or her movement, takes risks, and inspires others to action.

Candidates are recommended for the program by a select group of nominators, including trailblazing movement leaders, philanthropists, policymakers, and other experts. All Prime Movers have extensive expertise in their issue areas and are locally and nationally-recognized leaders.

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Hunt Alternatives Fund, a family foundation based in Cambridge, Mass., provokes sustainable social change through a blend of operating and grant-making programs. Since its founding in Denver in 1981, the Fund has contributed more than \$80 million toward a wide spectrum of social issues. Today, the Fund is working to bolster youth arts organizations, support social movement leaders, advocate for inclusive peace processes, combat the demand for modern-day slavery, and inspire women to political leadership. To learn more, visit the Hunt Alternatives Fund Web site at <http://www.HuntAlternatives.org>.